

**THEME: Empowering Women,  
Empowering Humanity: Picture it!**  
**Official Contest Rules**

1. **Sponsor:** U.S. Consulate General, Chennai
2. **Period:** Submissions accepted from 11:55am February 25, 2015 until 11:55pm March 20, 2015. Voting will take place upon close of submissions and winners will be announced a few weeks later (late March or early April).

3. **Eligibility:** *Women Behind the Lens* Photo Contest (the Contest) is a photo contest soliciting photographs from all women, especially those located or with ties to our Consular district. U.S.

This contest celebrates the achievements of women, especially Indian women, as well as promoting women's rights worldwide. Consulate staff are not eligible to compete.

4. **Terms & Agreement:** Participation in the Contest constitutes a participant's full and unconditional agreement to and acceptance of these Official Rules and the decisions of the Sponsor, which are final and binding. Winning a prize is contingent upon fulfilling all requirements set forth herein. Entrants under 18 years of age must have parental consent to participate. Participants agree, by entering this project, that photographs are original and the photograph is a picture of you (if applicable) or you have received permission from the person(s) depicted in the photograph ("third party participant") and that all elements of your entry is original, not copied from any other work, and does not infringe upon the rights of any third party. If a third party participant is a minor, you certify that you are the minor's legal guardian or that you have obtained permission from that party's parent or legal guardian.

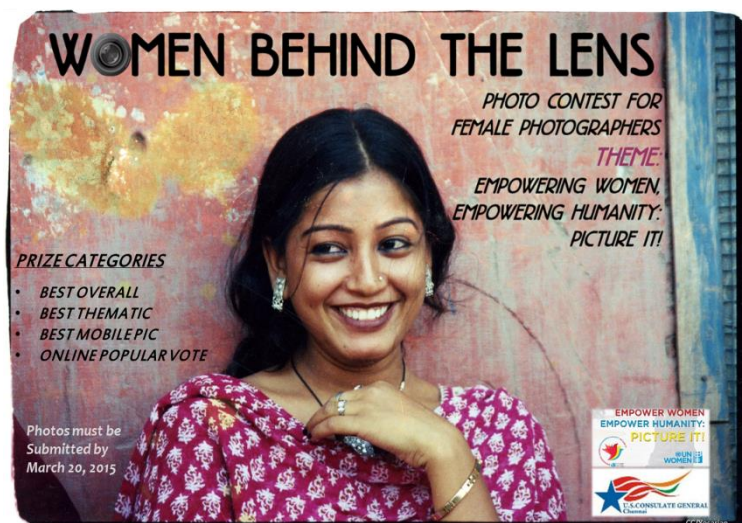
5. **To Enter:** A Contest entry consists of: a digital image identified by the contestant as fitting into one of the four categories listed in section 6, in accordance with the guidelines in sections 8 and 9 below. Entrants are limited to 5 submissions in each category. To submit photos, entrants must email a digital copy of their photograph to [usconschennaiphotocontest@gmail.com](mailto:usconschennaiphotocontest@gmail.com) and include the following details:

- Entrant full name, email, mobile number, age & city/country
- Photo, title and whether or not it was taken with a mobile phone or camera
- Caption or brief sentence describing the photo and where it was taken
- Emails from entrants must include this statement: *"I have read and agree with the Official Contest Rules, and have obtained permission from all third parties in photographs, including parents if third party participant is a minor."*

6. **Categories:** Entrants must submit photos reflecting the theme, which honors Women's History Month and International Women's Day: **Empowering Women, Empowering Humanity: Picture it!** The following categories will be judged and prizes awarded:

- Best overall photo
- Best thematic photo (representing theme)
- Best mobile phone photo
- Most popular online voting photo (likes/favorites)

7. **Prizes and Judging:** Prizewinners will be those with the most votes in each contest category, as selected by U.S. Consulate General Chennai voting panel made up of experienced photographers and Consulate staff. The online popular vote category will be decided by online fans using number of likes and favorites. Contestants are not eligible to win in more than one prize category.





8. **Terms of Submission.** Photographs must be in digital format but need not have been taken with a digital camera. All digital files must be 10 megabytes or smaller. Photographs that include sculptures, statues, paintings and other works of art will be accepted as long as they do not constitute copyright infringement or fraud. As conditions of entry into this Contest, and by submitting a Submission to Sponsor, each entrant warrants and represents that the entrant owns all rights to the submission she is entering in this contest, including, without

limitation, that the submitted photograph is an original work created solely by the entrant, that the photograph does not infringe on the copyrights, trademarks, moral rights, rights of privacy/publicity or intellectual property rights of any person or entity, and that no other party has any right, title, claim, or interest in the photograph. Additionally, entrant warrants that the photograph has not been published previously in any medium. Entrant retains ownership of the photo; however, by entering contest, irrevocably grants to Sponsor the unconditional and perpetual right and permission to reproduce, encode, store, copy, transmit, publish, post, display, adapt, exhibit and/or otherwise use or reuse (without limitation as to when or the number of times used, the submitted photograph in any media throughout the world for any purpose, without limitation, and without additional review, compensation (except if required by law), or approval from the Entrant or any other party. Forever waives any rights of privacy, intellectual property rights, and any other legal or moral rights that may preclude the Sponsor's use of the Entrant's Submission, or require the Entrant's permission for Sponsor to use them for any purpose, and agrees to never sue or assert any claim against the Sponsor's use of those Materials. Agrees to indemnify and hold the Sponsor and its respective affiliates and employees harmless from any and all claims, damages, expenses, costs and liabilities brought or asserted by any third party against the Sponsor or its affiliates or employees, due to or arising out of the Entrant's Submissions, including but not limited to trademark, copyright, or other intellectual property rights, right of publicity, right of privacy or defamation. Agrees to release, indemnify and hold harmless Sponsor from any and all claims that any commercial, advertising, presentation, web content or any other material subsequently produced, presented, and/or prepared by or on behalf of the sponsor or the Sponsor infringes on the rights of the Entrant's work as contained in any Submission.

9. **Restrictions.** Submitted photos Entries not in compliance with restrictions below and those that don't meet Contest requirements will be disqualified. Sponsor reserves the right to disqualify entries for any reason, in its sole and absolute discretion, is under no obligation to disclose why an entry has been disqualified. Photos may not:

- contain sexually explicit and/or suggestive content, any ethnic, racial, gender, religious, professional or age group or the disabled, be profane or pornographic, or contain nudity;
- promote alcohol, illegal drugs, tobacco, firearms/weapons (or the use of any of the foregoing), any activities that may appear unsafe or dangerous, or any particular political agenda or message;
- defame, misrepresent or contain disparaging remarks about other people or companies;
- contain any prominent use of trademarks, logos or trade dress (such as distinctive packaging or building exteriors/interiors) owned by others as determined by the Sponsor, or advertise or promote any brand or product of any kind, or contain any personal identification, such as license plate numbers, personal names, e-mail addresses or street addresses;
- contain prominent copyrighted materials owned by others (including photographs, sculptures, paintings and other works of art or images published on or in websites, television, movies or other media) as determined by the U.S. Consulate General, Chennai;
- contain materials embodying the names, likenesses, photographs, or other indicia identifying any person, living or dead without permission;
- communicate messages or images inconsistent with the positive images and/or goodwill to which the U.S. Consulate General, Chennai wishes to associate; nor
- depict or otherwise identify a minor unless a parent or legal guardian is the entrant or photo release has been obtained.